

Aldringham cum Thorpe with Sizewell Newsletter



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You won't keep us down, Covid 19!

Welcome to a summer of festivals, fireworks and fetes

(But please stay safe out there, everyone)

After the grimness of the Winter months in lockdown, how wonderful to find things beginning to return to normal with the promise of the return of Thorpeness Village Fete, a Centenary Celebration for our cricket club, an exciting Festival of Golf and even the promise of the magnificent FIREWORKS display to follow the Thorpeness Regatta. The Fete starts the festivities on Saturday 7th with slightly fewer stalls than usual, to prevent overcrowding, and a one-way system in operation. As well as usual favourites such as Splat the Rat, a stall will outline the CIC's plans for fighting coastal erosion in Thorpeness. Proceeds will be shared between this project and Wardens Trust (holiday centre for disabled people and their carers).

Thorpeness

~ Village ~

FETE

Saturday 7th August

12 ~ 3

At the Dolphin

**Cakes - Games - Punch and
Judy - Raffles - Auction**

Raising money for our coast

August 18th will see the start of the annual Regatta on The Meare, topped off with the traditional fireworks display on Friday 20th. Reports on the Golf and Cricket festivities are later in the Newsletter.

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that the Parish learnt of the death of Glencairn Stuart Ogilvie on July 25th 2021. A great-grandson of G Stuart Ogilvie, founder of Thorpeness holiday village, Glen was often called upon to open events, make speeches and adjudicate in competitions and was a generous benefactor.

Sadly, his death follows those of his wife Jennifer in June 2020 and his sister, Georgina Gifford Nash, in March this year.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all the Ogilvie family.

Parish Council Update April 2021

Parish Matters

The Parish Council resumed face-to-face meetings at the Pavilion in June. This followed three publicly available Zoom meetings in March, April and May and more frequent on-line catch-ups between councillors during the earlier period of lockdown. Covid precautions are in place at the meetings, requiring attendees to wear masks while moving around, and sanitise hands on arrival and departure.

Neighbourhood Plan

A draft of The Neighbourhood Plan, led by Councillor Eric Atkinson, has been scrutinised by Planning Officers at East Suffolk Council, who offered advice and guidance in several areas. The Plan is complicated by the extremely different planning requirements of the two (and a bit) villages that are covered by it. The inclusion of part of Sizewell within the Parish may also necessitate consultations with Leiston Town Council regarding the requirements of that community.

Energy Companies

A Webinar took place with representatives of Sizewell C on April 15th when Councillors expressed their concerns about the construction process, alongside what benefits they hoped might be gained for the community, should the proposed new reactors receive planning consent. The DCO examination is now underway, and the deadline for closure is 14th October 2021. There have been 1,290 public Relevant Representations submitted to the Planning Inspectors.

A Sizewell C Recreational Survey is taking place during August, supported by Suffolk County Council. Subsequent surveys in a rolling programme will measure the effect on recreational use of areas close to the new power station, during and after construction (PINs permitting).

The ScottishPower DCO examination in respect of windfarm substations at Friston drew to a close on July 6th. The PIN's findings will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (currently The Rt Hon. Kwasi Kwarteng MP) no later than 6 October 2021. The Secretary of State then officially has a further three months to make the decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent. Suffolk Energy Action Solutions (SEAS) have almost reached a £30,000 fund-raising target to continue their opposition to the scheme. Pre-development surveys over land and in the sea off Thorpeness are continuing, despite local and SEAS objections. However, additional site works in the 200m buffer zone of the Leiston-Aldeburgh SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and Sandlings SPA (Special Protection Area) have been postponed due to 'internal logistics'. The PC receives regular updates regarding these manoeuvres. ScottishPower has requested that people do not endanger operations by getting too close to take photographs.

Yellow Lines

The new yellow lines opposite and adjacent to the former Ogilvie Social Club building were painted by Highways in May. Unfortunately, a parked car near the bus stop meant the team had to return later to fill in a gap!

A suggestion that a no-parking section should be provided at the centre of the Meareside parking stretch to provide a passing place for vehicles was previously discussed and rejected by Highways officers some years ago. The issue has re-emerged following some unpleasant altercations between drivers refusing to back up or give way. If you witness a confrontation, please inform the PC – it may be time to revisit the issue with Highways.

Noticeboards and Grit Bins

It is still the PC's intention to install two new noticeboards one in Thorpeness and the other in Aldringham, hopefully also re-siting the one currently overhung by greenery close to the Parrot. A more suitable site might be on the green area close to the bus stop. Our Clerk Shirley and

the Councillors are looking for high-quality, long-lasting replacements at a reasonable price. Two new grit bins are to be installed, one in each village, their locations to be confirmed.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Following the announcement of an extra Bank Holiday on June 3rd next year to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, communities are getting together to decide how to celebrate. County Councillor T-J has offered £500 from her budget towards this Parish's activities. Community Action Suffolk has some good ideas if you visit their website.

Website – Help Wanted

Our website manager Tracy Norman has moved out of the Parish and finds it hard to keep up with latest events, so we are seeking a web-savvy soul to take it over. Many thanks to Tracy for her work over several years, and thanks, too, to Cllr Alan Williams who has been up-dating the site recently.

Pippa McLardy

Parish Councillor

Planning Update

The Parish Council have received 10 planning applications between 1st May, 2021 and 30th July, 2021. Seven of these applications were supported, the remaining three are still ongoing. East Suffolk Council have approved four of the completed applications and decisions are still to be made on the other three. A breakdown of the applications by type, and location is as follows :-

- 2 - Tree Felling / Crown Reduction
- 1 - Variation of Conditions
- 1 - Garage Conversion
- 4 - Extensions
- 1 - Conservatory
- 1 - Outbuilding Conversion

6 – Thorpeness, 3 – Aldringham, 1 - The Fens, 0 - Sizewell

Allotments

Aldringham's allotments are all now occupied, the only vacant plot recently taken by a resident in the new houses. The first water bill has been received, and the PC recently approved funds for a perimeter fence and entrance gate. This will be installed later in the year.

Alan Williams

Parish Councillor

Parish Councillors Needed

The Parish Council still has space for some co-opted members. Anyone interested would be expected to attend meetings regularly, show interest in the whole parish (not just one area), and demonstrate areas of particular expertise useful to the Council.

District Council Report

Congratulations to our two new East Suffolk District Councillors, Russ Rainger (Conservative) and Tom Daly (Green Party), who join Tony Cooper representing our locality following the resignation of T-J Haworth-Culf and Jocelyn Bond. Both T-J (about whom, more later) and Jocelyn worked very hard on our behalf, and we were sorry they felt compelled to go. Russ is no stranger to us owing to his previous role on the County Council, and although only elected on July 8th has already attended the recent Parish Council meeting. The following are some extracts from the Leader's report sent to the PC by Cllr Tony Cooper in early July:-

Commemorative Benches

There is a new policy for 'commemorative' benches, the service which allows people to sponsor seating at locations in the district to remember a friend, relative or colleague who has died.

People can sponsor a new bench with a commemorative plaque for a period of 10 years in numerous locations on council land, mainly replacing existing benches that are coming to an end of practical use. The benches are located in places where everyone can sit, rest and reflect. Members of the public who choose to commemorate someone in this way are encouraged to not attach any additional items to the benches. Unfortunately, these items, often including flowers, wreaths and balloons, can either prevent people from sitting, or make them feel uncomfortable about doing so. Similarly, people who have left mementoes on existing benches are now requested to take them home again.

Correct Recycling

Following a recent survey, ESDC is launching a campaign across its social media platforms in an attempt to get people to recycle correctly. Currently 5,000 tonnes (about 24%) of recycling in East Suffolk is rejected annually due to the wrong items being placed in kerbside recycling bins, including glass, black sacks, food waste, cartons and nappies.

Grant Scheme puts Nature First

The Greenprint Forum has launched a funding scheme for voluntary and community groups who are planning projects that help promote biodiversity. Eligible projects could include work to restore existing habitats or create to new ones, provision of nesting/roosting places for birds, pollinators and other animals, or activities to help local people of any age learn more about and enjoy their local biodiversity. The scheme will run over four phases during 2021/22, offering grants of up to £1,000. The first application period closed on July 28th, but the second period will open on August 10th and run until September 22nd. Full details, including eligibility and how

to apply, can be found at

www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-greenprint-forum/supporting-community-environmental-action/nature-first-small-grants-scheme/

Suffolk County Council

Many congratulations to T-J Haworth-Culf on her election as our Conservative County Councillor after serving us so well on Suffolk Coastal (latterly East Suffolk) District Council. She has some big shoes to fill, following the resignation of Russ Rainger – but great to see him back on the scene as one of our representative on East Suffolk DC. An unusual instance of trading places!

T-J writes:-

Hello everyone. To start, I would like to say how honoured I am to have been elected as your new Suffolk County Councillor. My thanks go to Russ Rainger for his sterling work and support over the last 4 years.

I am still fulfilling all the training and updates that are required, there is much to learn.

So far, I sit on:

- Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service Steering Group
- Galloper wind farm S109 funding panel
- The Long shop Museum
- Sizewell A & B Stakeholder group
- Sizewell Task Group
- Leiston Together Board
- Aldeburgh, Leiston and surrounding villages community Partnership Board
- Leiston Citizens' Advice

Undergoing training soon for my place on the Permanence Fostering Panel

(I am also the Chair of the Alde Valley Academy School Committee)

Thank you to everyone who took part in the DCO for SPR for their efforts and contributions over the last 9 months of hearings, 13 deadlines, 17 issue specific hearings and multiple open floor hearings. Things have now moved on to the Sizewell C DCO hearings and written representations.

As we are all aware Covid-19 cases are increasing. It is important that all of those who are eligible to receive their vaccinations continue to do so. I am still carrying out regular LFT tests, wearing my mask in shops and when I go out, socially distancing, staying close to home and using hand sanitiser. It is important that we all continue to do our bit to keep our community and loved ones safe. If you have an item regarding Highways, please make sure that you use the online reporting tool: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/> click on the link that takes you to "Report a Highways Issue" I would kindly ask that you make the Parish Clerk and myself aware of the reporting reference number so that we are aware and so that I can chase and keep an eye on the report.

I normally send my SCC report at the beginning of each month to the Parish Clerk to be circulated to parish Cllrs and update verbally at Parish Council meetings where needed.

Absolute best wishes,

T-J (Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf)

Community Emergency Planning

In an emergency scenario, the value of councils and councillors having invested time in planning and preparation, and in understanding where there are particularly vulnerable residents and communities, will become clear. Depending on the nature of an emergency, the 'blue light' services – police, fire and rescue and ambulance – may be at the forefront of the multi-agency response efforts. However, councils have responsibility for key activities that facilitate the response and support those impacted by the emergency. Much of this support will overlap with recovery activities, which councils will typically lead, which is why it is helpful to plan and begin recovery work as soon as possible during the response phase.

This parish is in a strong position with regards to emergency planning. We have a robust plan and we have identified an emergency management control site. We have emergency equipment and PPE ready to be deployed. Further, we have support from East Suffolk Council and local resources willing to assist in delivering our response to an emergency.

Another hot summer?

As I write, the met forecast is for another day of high temperatures across the country. Some of us welcome hot weather, but many do not and when it's too hot for too long, there are health risks. In England, there are on average 2000 heat-related deaths every year. If hot weather hits this summer, make sure it does not harm you or anyone you know. The heat can affect anyone, but some people are at greater risk from it, especially older people and those with underlying health conditions. As our climate changes, hot spells are expected to be more frequent and more intense and it is especially important that you know what actions to take to keep yourself and others safe during periods of high temperatures.

The main health risks posed by a heatwave are:

- not having enough water (dehydration).
- overheating, which can make symptoms worse for people who already have problems with their heart or breathing.
- heat exhaustion and heatstroke, which are potentially serious conditions that can occur if you get too hot.

The Met Office has published the best ways to stay safe when the heat arrives.

- If you live alone, ask a relative or friend to check, regularly, that you are OK.
- Stay cool indoors and know how to keep your home cool.
- Close curtains, blinds and shutters on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler.
- Don't forget there will be times when it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.
- If going outdoors, use cool spaces considerately, remember the social distancing guidelines.

- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol.
- Never leave anyone in a closed parked vehicle; especially infants, young children or animals.
- Try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm, when the UV rays are strongest.
- If you have to go out walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat.
- Avoid physical exertion in the hottest parts of the day.
- Make sure you take enough water with you, wherever you go.
- Check TV or radio for the latest weather forecast and temperature warnings.
- During warm weather going for a swim can provide much welcomed relief, take care and follow local safety advice, especially if you are going into open water to cool down.
- Get medical advice if you have concerns about an uncomfortably hot house that's affecting your health or the health of someone else.

Lastly, we still need more volunteers to fill some of the key roles and those who have specialist equipment such as chain saws, pumps and generators that can be used during an emergency.

If you can assist, please contact me:-

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Pippa McLardy plmclardy@hotmail.com

Uppen about – some Parish News

Uppen: *to mention, disclose or reveal - (a word 'much used around Aldbro' according to Edward Moor's dictionary of Suffolk Dialect published in 1823)*

A Wee Summer Mystery

Two portable loos have appeared in the Thorpeness Beach Car Park, and no one knows where they came from! Not the Heritage Group, not the local councils, and not Craig at the Boathouse.

Unfortunately, they are very well used, but not so well maintained and there have been some complaints about their smell and condition. They really are loos, and not two Tardii from outer space. If you know someone who has lost track of two loos (ha ha), you could help solve this wee mystery!

Poisonous Plant proves a Perfect Pig

Giant Hogweed plants, which can cause severe burn-like injuries to people and animals in contact with their sap, have been found in three village locations by a regular visitor from Leiston, Mr John Lepley. Plants on Thorpeness Common and on the beach have been tackled by the landowners, following alerts by Mr Lepley. He has now found a new growth close to the footpath leading through Golf Club grounds to Sheepwash Crossing, though seedheads are not visible which might

mean they have been partially tackled already. Please steer clear of these dangerous plants, which resemble super-sized cow parsley, and report them to the landowners if you find them. Thanks to Mr Lepley for his vigilance. For plant illustrations and more details see: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/06/giant-hogweed-facts/>

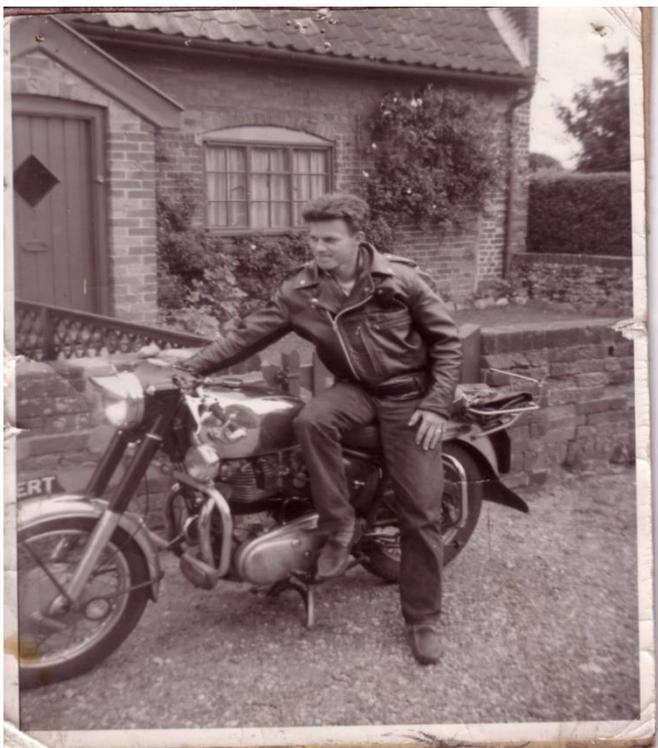
Mr Kipling's Exceedingly Good Holidays

Iestyn Edwards (aka Madame Galina Ballet Star Galactica), performer and author of 'My Tutu Went AWOL' and resident (when not working all over the world) in Thorpeness, relates the following:-

"I heard the following from a member of the Knodishall WI, about holidays in Thorpeness. In the 1940s, her father had been a milkman with a round just north of Liverpool Street. For the same fortnight each June, in the same 'mock-Tudor prefab', he would send a weekly payment to the estate office, where The Kitchen is now. 'Oh, and any tips, his Christmas Box and however so much beer money my mother could coax him to put by as saved, rather than splurged on his immediate whistle-wetting needs.' They could only have their fortnight in June, as July and August were for month long rentals only. 'Mostly, of course, Americans...!' Waiting for them in the mock-Tudor prefab would be a 'box of start-you-offs from the shop - bread, milk, butter, jam, whatnot.'

She also remembered being told about Rudyard Kipling visiting the Oglvies. 'Someone or other well-to-do's great aunt would go and help carry Kipling's doings from the Halt. He kept his eyes on the ground a lot, apparently, and bought Mynah birds with him on their own holidays, chatting to them and getting their cheek back in Hindi.'

Daredevil David revives an Old Love



Captions: Opposite, David in 1960 when in the RAF, and above, today on his restored motorbike outside Beaconhill Cottage. Both photos courtesy of David.

A Fond Farewell (from Bill and Debbie Crow)

Regular readers of this newsletter cannot have failed to notice in this edition the absence of contributions from Bill Crow (ably assisted by his wife Debbie). With his Beach Beggars, Smugglers' Walks and Art Group articles, promptly sent and always entertaining and beautifully written (and typed), how will I fill the space? Indeed, how will the village fill the space, especially when it comes to the annual beach clean-up? Any volunteers? Now Bill and Debbie are happily settled not too far away, we wish them many happy returns to Thorpeness – ed

Bill writes:-

**"When you go down Thorpeness way
Any evening any day
You'll find 'em all doing the Sizewell Walk"
(Eddie Rose version of the Lambeth Walk)**

"We arrived in Suffolk nearly 20 years ago. It was our first time in the county which we have grown to love way beyond our wildest dreams.

Both of us had had recent experience of considerable distress before we decided to get together. The next stage was to find somewhere to live, and that somewhere was not to be tainted by sad memories. It was my childhood dream to live in a cottage by the sea. We scoured the South Coast from Newhaven to Lyme Regis. The half decent properties were overpriced and the traffic horrendous.

Somehow, through a chance recommendation, we popped up at the 'Old Bru' hotel in Aldeburgh. It could be described as somewhat 'shabby chic'. And it seemed to be entirely populated by dogs who swaggered in and out of lifts as if they owned the place. After a fine breakfast of smoked haddock and poached eggs we ventured along Crag Path. It was February and the light was a diamond blue. Even the shingle sparkled like gemstones. Was this England's best kept secret? Why did we not know of this glorious coast before?

Four months later and after several trips from the south we were shown a rather distressed little cottage in Beacon Hill Lane, Thorpeness. The garden was unkempt but the walled yard featured a handsome small barn that had once been a milking parlour and then livery stables. I persuaded Debs that we could make something of the place. At that point we had never seen the local beach or knew anything about the village's unique history.

The deed was done. No.1 Beacon Hill Cottages was given a thorough make-over and the old home began to smile. So did we. So did our two dogs, Molly & Ruby and Jack the cat. This indeed was an unbelievable slice of paradise. It wasn't long before everyone seemed to know that we were 'Bill & Debs'. First the local craftsmen. They were terrific: funny, patient and refreshingly punctual. Then everyone in the shops, the pubs, the leisure centre and the whole of Leiston, it seemed, knew of our existence. What they made of a cocky little upstart and his quiet wife they kept to themselves. All we knew was that we were instantly amongst friends and the feeling never went away.

We still have that feeling today as we receive shoals of good wishes and cards from our precious Thorpeness mates along with threats of imminent visits by the coach load.

We shed some tears when we left comforting ourselves with the thought that we are only 25 minutes away from a truly remarkable place, chock full of some very lovely people.

With enormous gratitude and love

Bill & Debs

POSTSCRIPT

Now we know what it is like to be suddenly given an Oscar. One minute you are just sitting enjoying the champers, next your names are mentioned by the great and the good, or in this case Maureen Jones. Debs goes to a coffee morning at The Dolphin and comes back with a gift from the villagers! Thank you, all those who contributed so generously. The funds will be used for

more trees. This time for our empty yard (it's mainly oyster shingle in loving memory of our precious Thorpeness Beach). We are needless to say greatly moved.

Local Groups



St Andrew's Church

We emerged from lockdown 3 with a memorable service on Palm Sunday. The service was held largely outside with Conca's donkeys leading the procession round the church.

We were able to celebrate Easter in church the following week and the weekly pattern of services then resumed. The government ban on singing indoors has been frustrating for the congregation, but our wonderful choir has compensated for this with some beautiful and uplifting music.

By the time you read this, we shall have resumed outdoor services in the churchyard. This worked well last year and so from July to September we shall have informal services in the churchyard at 11am each Sunday. And we can all sing!

And on August 8th at 3pm there will be the annual animal service when we welcome donkeys, sheep, dogs, cats, fish.....and whatever other pets you may have! September 19th is Battle of Britain Sunday when representatives of RAFA will join us to remember the courage and sacrifice of our heroic airmen in the summer of 1940. The service will be outside in the churchyard at 1100

The Revd Cowley memorial service was a casualty of covid restrictions. It has been provisionally rearranged for September 17th. More details to follow when we know what government restrictions will be in September.

Fundraising has been near impossible during lockdown but the Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride did go ahead last year and was very successful. This year it is on September 11th. Participants are sponsored by friends and relations and cycle or walk to as many churches as possible in the day. If you would like to take part this year please contact David Copp

Cutting and raking the hay in the churchyard took place on July 29th and 30th. The wild flowers were magnificent this Spring, but once they have set seed it is necessary to cut the long grass and tidy up our beautiful churchyard.

David Gordon

Friends of St Andrew's

The Friends will be taking a stall at the Aldeburgh Church Friday Market on August 13th from 10am-2pm.

On Sunday September 5th we will be having a Table Top Sale outside (weather permitting) before and after the morning service. There will be a miscellany of items to buy.

Save the Date! We are proposing to hold a Quiz Night on Friday November 19th, Covid 19 restrictions allowing and it is safe to do. More details will be given nearer the date.

Mrs Anne Norton Membership Secretary
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Pilgrims Together

Hello All,

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer and taking full advantage of our recent release from lockdown. We, as facilitators for the Pilgrims Together group, have learned so much from this past year and it has certainly highlighted what is, and what is not, important to us as Christians. I think it has served to bring home just how much our family and friends mean to us; nothing can replace a hug, or just the face-to-face contact that we all took for granted. Zoom has literally been a Godsend and has kept us safely in touch with all who could access it. During 2020 we doubled our acts of worship from fortnightly to weekly and during January, and the darker months of winter we hosted some Saturday night entertainment, again using Zoom. These have all helped us to remain as a community and to safely keep in contact with one another when there was no alternative. The good news on the horizon is that we can resume our Wednesday acts of worship face to face, these will take place on alternate Wednesdays at the Thorpeness Pavilion (dates to be posted on our Facebook page) and we will continue to hold a service on Zoom on the other Wednesdays. Once again our monthly Saturday morning walks, often with breakfast, have restarted and future dates etc. will be posted on our Facebook and the local Aldringham chat pages. We are continuing to visit people who have just moved into the area with a welcome pack put together consisting of a little bit of local history, copies of the latest parish newsletter and contact details for interest groups, the doctors, church, police etc. We have also included the small gift of a houseplant and it has been heartwarming how well these packs have been received. Plans are afoot to have monthly Sunday breakfasts at the Aldringham Parrot which will give a further opportunity for our new neighbours to meet other village members as they settle into their new lives. Once again we have been asked by Revd. Mark Lowther to lead the Thorpeness Summer services on all Sundays throughout August, these are now taking place on the grass at the back of the Meare. Our thanks go to the Ogilvie family who have helped make this possible. These short services are led by a different priest each week and it is so lovely that we can once again have singing, the theme for the services this year is based on Hope. They start at 9.30am and if you're not sure just where the outside venue is then follow the sound of the music, It will be lovely to see you.

For more information about us please email:
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Or visit: <https://www.Facebook.com/Pilgrims-Together-925268094321475>

We look forward to seeing you once again and hope you enjoy the rest of your summer in Thorpeness

Sue - On behalf of Pilgrims Together

ImpACT (Aldringham Community Team)



Caption: Hundred crossing before replacement

The River Hundred Crossing

For those who walk in the woods at the bottom of Mill Hill, this will not be news to you, but we have a brand new bridge over the raging torrent that is the River Hundred. The first marker flags went out on Suffolk Highways Reporting Tool (an excellent service- please use it) in November of last year when it became obvious that the old one's days were numbered as the cross slats were rotting at a remarkable rate. More flags were placed on the bridge's location on the map over the winter and temporary repairs were carried out by one of our members in February. In the meantime, unbeknownst to the Parish, Suffolk Highways were putting together a really serious replacement off site, and on just one day in April they delivered and assembled this sturdy construction to its place. How they did all this in what seems like one day baffles me, as few people seemed to notice. We were suddenly greeted with a really substantial new bridge-(photos, before and after included). 'Just like that!' as a famous comedian/magician used to say!

We must congratulate Suffolk Highways on this as the timbers involved in this are long and heavy and the speed of the installation was astonishing. This writer, being a complete building anorak, would love to see photos of the construction process, so Suffolk Highways, if you've got any snaps, send them over!

They seem to be the Parish's favourite contractor at the moment- their flood prevention works at the Parrot seem to have coped with the recent downpours without too much trouble. The flooding at the bus stop at the Parrot was a blocked gully, so they let themselves a little on the 'sludge-gulping' side of things.



Caption: , and after. Just like that!
Photos courtesy of Bill Seale

Winifred has a brand new bench

It was evident from before Christmas, that the bench commemorating Winifred Moss, former Councillor, teacher and school governor, was reaching the end of its days. It had just failed the annual safety check on the Play Area, despite ongoing temporary repairs by ImpACT members. It had become an absolute essential for tired mothers to gain respite from their energetic offspring and the Play Area had been designed around it, so Aldringham Parish Council stepped in and bought a new sustainable hardwood replacement. Oiled and assembled by ImpACT members and councillors alike, it was inaugurated at the end of March by a small group of friends and colleagues of hers, hoping that this bench will last considerably longer than the last. As long as the Play Area is there she will be remembered. The Play Area has enjoyed terrific use throughout the Lockdown and all the restrictions required have been respected- a sure sign of its value to the community.

Good Neighbours Lunch in Aldringham

Founder member of ImpACT and also of Aldringham cum Thorpe Good Neighbours, Jill Hubbard is now the Chair of the scheme in the Parish and organised a Community Lunch at the Parrot on July 2nd, kindly hosted by Chris Theobald. There were at more than 30 villagers present (plus more from Thorpeness), 16 of whom were new residents in the village from the Sandpipers development,. It was lovely to see so many fresh faces from different parts of the country who have chosen to make Aldringham their new permanent home. Full marks to Chris and his team for the excellent food and quality of

service of the Parrot, which, I believe, impressed - something that we are all well used to! Well done Chris!

Coffee Caravan and the Parrot Coffee Morning

We are also delighted to announce the return of the Coffee Caravan to Aldringham Green for their monthly visits. They have shown up on the second Tuesday of the last two months on the Green at 2.00pm throughout the summer and stay for a couple of hours in which villagers can meet up for a chat, cup of tea and cake and biscuits in a lovely setting.

Chris, at the Parrot, has now reopened for his monthly coffee mornings, the first of which took place on Wednesday 14th July and will continue throughout the rest of the year. At present it is scheduled for the second Wednesday in the month, but that might change. Please keep your eyes on the notice boards for news of dates for both of these.

Good Neighbours



Caption – Bob and Duncan help with some vital removals

An example of 'cross-border' care emerged recently, which touched our hearts:- A mother rang our helpline to say her daughter, who has learning difficulties, had just moved into her first independent home on the Parish boundary. She had a bed, but no carpets, no chairs and no white goods. Although it turned out this young person was just over the border in Leiston, our new chairperson Jill Hubbard contacted Bryony at Saxmundham GN who sourced a three piece suite, the Coffee Caravan which supplied white goods, and Bill Blunden from Aldringham, who secured a larger van than his usual one to help with removals. Hopefully, this has helped create a happy first home for the young person.

Earlier this year, Michael Hall was forced to step down from his role as Chairman owing to ill health, and Jill, a

founding volunteer and our very first Hon Sec following the inception of AcT GN in 2008, stepped into the breach. Michael was an inspiring and enthusiastic leader who steered us through the early days of Covid 19, and we are very grateful for all his hard work - wrestling with our on-line Drop Box, recruiting and recording a team of temporary volunteers during the crisis, and even allowing the Steering Group to gather in his garden (when permitted).

Jill has proved equally dynamic, attracting a much-needed new younger cohort of volunteers and reaching out to newcomers in the Parish.

We are always looking for new volunteers, and new people who need a little help from a friend. Call us on:

Helpline Number 07521 047 843

Pippa McLardy

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Hon Sec

Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground

Using a grant from the government especially aimed at helping buildings such as The Pavilion prepare to welcome people back following Covid 19, we have redecorated parts of the loos and bar.

In recent months, The Pavilion has twice been used as a Polling Station, with all the necessary pandemic safety regulations in place.

Several regular caravan rallies have occurred, and the croquet, cricket and rifle clubs are getting their seasons underway. The Parish Council have now resumed their face-to-face meetings here, as have the local ukulele group in their Wednesday morning slot. The Pilgrims Together group will commence their fortnightly worship services from the beginning of September.

Parking will be available as usual for the fireworks on Friday August 20th from 5pm at the unchanged charge of £5. Plans are also afoot to open part of the field adjacent to the road as extra car parking for the village during the summer season to help relieve congestion.

Our thanks go to Wendy Sturmey who has, until recently, done an excellent job of managing the bookings. You will be missed Wendy, and we hope we will still see you and Mick at any future events.

PLEASE NOTE that if you wish to book the pavilion and/or field please use the contact details on our new website - www.ogilviepavilion.org or by emailing Ogilvie.booking@gmail.com

Eric Atkinson Chairman Ogilvie Pavilion and Sports Ground.

Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Group



Many of you reading this, be you a resident or visitor, will I hope by now have visited our newly-opened Thorpeness and Aldringham Heritage Centre situated at the back of the Beach Car Park. Opening hours are 11am to 3pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Plans are still on hold at

present for our official Grand Opening, but we will publicise them as soon as we know the final details. We will also be holding our AGM soon, again notices will be put up around the two villages so please come along and join us, don't be shy! We are looking to hold this year's AGM in the newly opened centre and its large patio area, weather permitting, no doubt it will include lots of wine and some happy chatter from all our members - it always has in the past!

Although the exhibition in the Centre is still in its early days, we have had lots of positive reactions from those who have already visited us. The tables, general seating and benches on the patio area at the front are for all to use and enjoy, but do please remember to dispose of any litter you may have - there are lots of bins situated in the area. Those of you who are members will already have received our latest newsletter (No. 13 and dated June 2021). Although it is a little shorter than usual as obviously there have been no events to either advertise or report on, it is full of articles which are always of interest to all. The appearance, and subsequent disappearance of the wreck on the beach in Thorpeness and the wonderful 'field of poppies' behind the Parrot and Punchbowl pub in Aldringham both feature. Both make unscripted appearances from time to time, and both helped to lift our spirits as the seemingly unending lockdown carried on. Hopefully, by the time you read this article we should be getting 'back to normal' (I think I can just about remember what that was like) and what better way to spend a summer's day than visiting our two villages, enjoying some food and hospitality and, if you're in Thorpeness and it's an open day, by coming along and visiting our Heritage Centre (entrance is free). You will be made most welcome.

If you are interested in joining the heritage group, (it is open to both residents and non-residents) application forms are available in the Heritage Centre, or by phoning me, Sue, on 01728 830497. The annual subscription is a very reasonable £5 for a single person or £10 for a family, and lifetime membership is also available. The membership year runs from 1st February to 31st January and for this you will receive, via email, two newsletters (June and December) and early notice of our events (usually about four per year). These are immensely popular and usually sell out within 48 hours. Priority is given to members and any unsold tickets are then put on sale to the general public.

So may I, on behalf of our Chair, Maureen Jones, and all the TAHG committee wish you a happy summer for 2021, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sue Atkinson

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On behalf of TAHG

Thorpeness Halt Restoration Group

Well, it's been a hot summer so far, and if I'm honest, a rather frustrating one as regards getting "stuck in" to what I do best. That is, of course, at the blunt end of garden tools, trying to reshape that which has been taken over by nature, in this case The Halt platform.

Mr Tim Ward and I have been in contact with the land agents, where negotiations are progressing reasonably well.

But now comes the tricky bit: We have now discovered that apparently the Halt is overlapped by an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), area and also, would you believe, The Sandlings SPA (Special Protection Area) interest. We are in touch with the authorities to try and do some work on site, but as you can imagine, we have several hurdles to overcome. It's a steep learning curve, but we are pushing ahead.

We believe the Halt is truly a worthwhile project which deserves to be brought back to something of its former status, Both Tim and I are in this for the long haul, and we really appreciate all the support that we are getting from everyone.

Bob Alexander bobinnovator100249@gmail.com

Thorpeness Cricket Club

Centenary Day Sun 8th August from noon.

**Cricket open day . Anyone can turn up and play.
Teams and format decided on the day. Bowling
competition. Bar and Barbecue**

Match Results:

Thorpeness competed in the Voneus Cup and beat Great Totham, an Essex side, at Great Braxted on a bitterly cold day April 11th. Alex Mair was the linchpin of the innings, scoring a calm and collected 67, supported by Ed Pickthorn 16, and Henry King 20. Thorpeness bowling was on fire; Arthur Thompson 1 wicket for 9 runs, Arthur Pickthorn 2 for 11, Will Doble-Thompson 2 for 33, and man of the match Alex Mair 2 for 18. A 40 over game per innings Thorpeness scored 153 winning by 30 runs. Persistent biting very cold north wind made watching some kind of ordeal, but this was a high powered achievement for the team.

Thorpeness played Woolpit away next on April 25th. We scored 147 for 9. David Fincham 22 and James Redshaw 27, Dylan Churchill 27. Woolpit's Harry Bevan 4 for 2 runs - such a fast and accurate arm.

Our bowling lacked the fizz of the Great Totham game. Will Frier bowled 7 over for 22. Woolpit won by 10 wickets.

Impressive set up at Woolpit with electronic scoreboard, oodles of sponsorship - another cricket game was being played concurrently.

Worlingworth away June 13th

We could only find 6 players but almost magically the game turned out to be a tight finish. Worlingworth lent us 2 players, both of whom were good - one a bowler, t'other a batsman and the opposition lent us fielders. Supreme moment of the game was our Martin bowled a hat-trick ending with figures of 4 for 8 runs.

Halesworth Pumas at home June 24th

We scored a respectable 119 for 5. Dylan Churchill 28, and Rob 32. We bowled well not allowing much in the way of partnerships to develop, wickets falling at alarming rate of knots for the Pumas. But as we were looking for accurate bowling, their ability to bat far down the order won the day for them in the second ball of the last over.

Good game. They have a relaxed jokey ambience while being difficult to beat.

Francis Byrne

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Croquet Club

The croquet club members have been taking full advantage of the facilities and much enjoying playing lots of games. With the further easing of restrictions we can now fully use the full-size lawn with up to two doubles games at any one time. However it is still necessary because of this limitation to book a time with our Chairman Gerald Lomax on 01728 768846.

A long overdue AGM is to be held on 25th August plus a social lunch and play, starting at 1pm.

A reminder that the club is based at the Pavilion sportsground and guests will be very welcome. So if you know the game, or would like to try it out if you haven't played before, do ring Gerald to arrange to come along. We offer free taster sessions and have all the equipment needed.

Croquet offers sport, friendship, fun, competition and a whole lot more. It is also a game where men, women, young and old can all compete against each other, unlike most games. It sounds easy and is for beginners but for experts it is a game of skill, strategy, angles, tactics and guile

There is more information on the new Thorpeness Ogilvie Pavilion website www.ogilviepavilion.org/user-groups or on the club's own website

www.thorpenesscroquetclub.onesuffolk.net

Angela Clark Secretary Thorpeness Croquet Club

Neighbourhood Watch

We are now in the "silly season", which is particularly noticeable in Thorpeness. Awareness of road use, is probably little to do with Neighbourhood Watch, but could we all be aware of both vehicle speeds and children on bicycles. The two don't go well together. If you have grandchildren, friends, tenants in your home, and they are of the 'cycling' age, do please remind them to be conscious of vehicles - there are of course many more delivery vehicles than usual, and a few of these drivers seem to think they are the only ones on the road. Equally children straddle across the road, with little thought of traffic. Just a warning.

AND at the risk of being boring - please use the neighbourhood watch slogan "stop and think" when you have any questionable telephone call. The scammers get so clever, and when we see a BBC reporter (one assumes an intelligent man) having money taken from his bank account, having been taken in by a scam, then we realise how clever these scammers are.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. Don't be too complacent. We are fortunately a relatively crime free area, but don't take this for granted. Evelyn Rumsby (Neighbourhood Watch)

Evelyn Rumsby evelynrumsby@aol.com 07809 840924

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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Police - Suffolk Constabulary**Always Dial 999 for Emergencies, including Coastguard**

Non Urgent Issues	101
Community Engagement Officer, Halesworth Locality, Halesworth Police Station	Simon Green (PC 187)
ceohalesworth@suffolk.pnn.police.uk	

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Aldringham – Maria Chapman-Beer	
tribunegang@gmail.com	
(Aldeburgh Rd and roads off except Aldringham Park, to borders with Leiston, Aldeburgh, and down Thorpe Rd towards Thorpeness)	
<u>Thorpeness</u> – Evelyn Rumsby	07809 840924

Hospitals

Aldeburgh & District Community Hospital	
Park Road, Aldeburgh	01728 452778
Ipswich Hospital Heath Road	01473 712233

Doctors' Surgeries

The Peninsular Practice	
Church Farm, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh	01728 452027
The Surgery, Main Street, Leiston	01728 830526
The Surgery, Lamsale Meadow, Saxmundham	01728 602022
<u>Non-emergency</u> health problems advice	111

Power cut line 0800 31 63 105 or simply call 105

Dental Surgeons

Aldeburgh Dental Practice	
167 High Street, Aldeburgh	01728 452884
Saxmundham Dental Surgery	
9 High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602537

Pharmacies

Aldeburgh Pharmacy	
125 High Street, Aldeburgh	01728 452763
Leiston Pharmacy	01728 832231
East of England Coop Pharmacy	
High Street, Saxmundham	01728 602051

Veterinary Surgeons

Aldeburgh Vets	
Hall Farm Lane, Saxmundham Rd, Aldeburgh	
contact@aldeburghvets.co.uk	01728 598111
Leiston Veterinary Clinic	
1d Eastlands, Leiston	01728 833566
Fromus Veterinary Group Fromus House, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham	01728 602599

Thorpeness Croquet Club

Gerald Lomax	01728 768846
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<u>Good Neighbours Group</u>	Help Line	07521 047843
Chairperson Jill Hubbard		01728 830778

Local Heritage Group

Chairperson Mrs Maureen Jones	01728 453915
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Rainbow Tots – restarting soon

Ms Anja Shaw	01728 453295
Every Tuesday 10am - 11:30am Aldeburgh Community Centre	

St Andrew's Church

Churchwarden David Copp	01728 635816
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Ogilvie Pavilion

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Thorpeness Cricket Club

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<u>Connecting Communities Transport</u>	01728 635938
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WHAT'S ON – August 2021 to December 2021

Month	Place	Event
August		
Sun 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th 9.30am	Green area behind Thorpeness Meare	Pilgrims Together lead Open Air religious service
Fri 6 th 10am-2pm	POSTPONED	St Andrew's stall at Friday Market
Sat 7 th 12-3pm	Dolphin Thorpeness	Village Fete (Covid precautions in place)
Sun 8 th 12 noon	Thorpeness Sports Field	Cricket Club Centenary match and barbecue
Sun 8 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	Six day Festival of Golf begins
Sun 8 th 3pm	St Andrew's Church	Annual Animal Service
Mon 9 th -13 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	Festival Daily Stableford Competition
Tues 10 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	The Bell Cup Junior Open
Tues 10 th 2pm-4pm	Aldringham Green	Coffee Caravan
Weds 11 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	Eastern Region PGA Pro Am
Fri 13 th	Thorpeness Golf Club	Mixed 'Family Gruesomes' (Greensomes) competition
Fri 13 th 10am-2pm	Aldeburgh Church	St Andrew's stall at Friday Market
Weds 25 th 1pm	Ogilvie Pavilion	Croquet Club AGM, lunch and game
September		
Wed 1 st	All SCC Schools	SCHOOLS BACK FOR AUTUMN TERM
Sun 5 th	St Andrew's Church	Table-top sale following usual Service
Mon 6 th 7pm	Pavilion, Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Sat 11 th 9am-5pm	County-wide	Ride and Stride to raise money for Churches
Tues 14 th 2pm-4pm	Aldringham Green	Coffee Caravan
Fri 17 th		Rev Cowley Memorial Service (TBC)
Sun 19 th 11am	St Andrew's Church	Battle of Britain Memorial Service with RAFA members
October		
Tues 12 th 2pm-4pm	Aldringham Green	Coffee Caravan
Mon 18 th 7pm	Pavilion, Thorpeness	Parish Council Meeting
Fri 22 nd	All SCC Schools	END OF FIRST HALF OF AUTUMN TERM
November		
Mon 1 st	All SCC Schools	SCHOOLS BACK FROM HALF-TERM BREAK
Fri 19 th	St Andrew's	Quiz Night
Mon 29 th 7pm	To be decided	Parish Council Meeting
December		
Fri 17 th	All SCC Schools	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

Every Tuesday, 10.30 – 11.30 on Zoom - Rector Mark's weekly Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday 6.30pm on Zoom (except during August) – Pilgrims Together weekly worship followed by get-together

Every Sunday – St Andrew's Church Services 11am

Every Wednesday during August Buckland Omnibus coach from Thorpeness to Aldeburgh First service 10.47am, last 15.37

Last Wednesday of every month – Community Coffee Morning at the Dolphin Thorpeness